MINUTES

OF THE

SIXTY-FIRST ANNIVERSARY

OF THE

Mississippi Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

ZION HILL CHURCH, AMITE COUNTY, MISS.,

October 12th, 13th and 14th, 1867.

OFFICERS:

ELDER Z. REEVES, MODERATOR.
A. J. EVERETT, CLERK.

MEMPHIS:
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PROCEEDINGS.

AMITE COUNTY, MISS., October 12, 1867.

The Mississippi Baptist Association met this day with Zion Hill Church, Amite county. Introductory Sermon preached by Elder M. S. Shirk, from Mathew v: 16.

After a recess of an hour the delegates from the churches composing the Association assembled in the house and were called to order by Elder Z. Reeves.

Elders M. S. Shirk and C. H. Otken appointed as reading clerks.

Brethren D. B. Cain, J. Walker and Moses Jackson appointed as a financial committee.

Letters from the churches called for and their statistics minuted.

A letter being presented by Brother S. E. McDonald from Percy's Creek Church, on motion of Elder M. S. Shirk, it was received and Brother McDonald received as messenger to the Association.

The Association then proceeded to the election of a Moderator and Clerk, which resulted in the re-election of Elder Z. Reeves as Moderator and A. J. Everett as Clerk; Brethren W. L. Johns and S. O'Neal acting as tellers.

Ministering brethren of our faith and order, and not members of the Association, were invited to seats and a participation in the deliberations of the Association.

Letters of correspondence called for and read as follows:

From Union Association a letter and package of minutes were presented by her messengers Elder C. M. Gordon and Brother W. H. Clark, which was read and received and the right hand of fellowship extended to her messengers.

Mississippi River Association presented a package of minutes by the hands of her messengers, Brethren W. A. Smith and Elson Cockerham, but no letter of correspondence. On motion, the messengers were received and the right hand of fellowship extended to them.

A letter, and package of minutes, presented from Pearl River Association by her messengers, Elders Wm. Baily and J. B. Lewis, which was read and received and the right hand of fellowship extended to them.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Resolved, That hereafter a committee be appointed to prepare a general letter of correspondence to our corresponding bodies, and that said letter be printed in our minutes.

In compliance with the above resolution the Moderator appointed Elders M. S. Shirk, S. Buffkin and C. H. Otkin as a committee of correspondence.

Resolved, That after the 11 o'clock service on the Sabbath a collection be taken up for the benefit of the Orphan's Home and School in Lauderdale County, Mississippi.

Brethren W. F. Cain, S. E. McDonald, Stephen Jackson and Samuel O'Neal were appointed as a committee to make the collection.

Brethren S. O'Neal, J. A. Jenkins and D. B. Cain appointed as a committee on preaching.

Messengers to the following Associations were appointed:

UNION—Elder S. Buffkin and Brethren Scott and Byrd.

PEARL RIVER—Elders Z. Reeves and T. J. Hutson.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER—Elders M. S. Shirk and C. H. Otken.

EASTERN LOUISIANA—Brethren D. B. Cain and J. F. Webb.

STRONG RIVER—Brethren H. A. Davis and R. D. Strickland.

Report of committee on preaching as follows: At 11 o'clock on the Sabbath Elder Charles M. Gordon. Afternoon Elder S. Buffkin, and Elder J. B. Lewis to close the services.

The following resolution was read and adopted:

Resolved, That this Association appoint a committee to report on the destitution in the bounds of this Association, said committee to make their report on Monday.

In compliance with the above resolution the Moderator appointed Elders Buffkin and Shirk, and Brethren McDonald, O'Neal and S. Jackson on said committee.

On motion, Brethren Longmire, Shaw, Webb and Gardner were granted leave of absence from further attendance on this Association.

Elders Buffkin, Otken, Bailey, Gordon and Brother Johns were appointed as a committee on the abstract of church letters.

On motion, the Association adjourned until 9 o'clock Monday morning. Prayer by Elder Buffkin.

LORD'S DAY.

The brethren appointed preached in the order of their appointment to a large concourse of people. At the close of the 11 o'clock service a collection was taken up for the Orphan's Home and School in Lauderdale county, amounting to $42 61.

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met according to adjournment. Opened by singing and prayer. Prayer by Elder Z. Reeves.

On motion, Brother Hardy Cain was granted leave of absence.

On motion, Brother J. P. Jones, the alternate, was admitted as a delegate from Mt. Zion, Franklin county.

Rules of decorum and powers of the Association were read by the clerk.

On motion, Brother E. Seale was admitted as a delegate from Union church.

Report of the committee on finance read, received and adopted. (See Appendix A.)

Report of J. A. Jenkins, Treasurer Mississippi Baptist Association read, received and adopted. (See Appendix B.)

Report of J. B. Quin, Treasurer of Missionary and Benevolent Fund, read, received and adopted. (See Appendix C.)

On motion, Brother J. B. Quin, Treasurer of Missionary and Benevolent Fund, is instructed to pay the amount in his hands, as Treasurer, over to Brother W. F. Cain, Trustee of the Orphan's Home and School.

Report of committee on destitution read, received and adopted. (See Appendix D.)

Report of committee on abstract read, received and adopted. (See Appendix E.)

Report of committee on correspondence read, received and adopted. (See Appendix F.)

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Resolved, That this Association send one or more representatives to the Sunday School Union, to convene at Paducah, Kentucky.

In compliance with the above resolution the Moderator appointed Brethren W. F. Cain and E. Cain as representatives to the Sunday School Union.

Resolved, That this Association request and recommend to each pastor

and member of this body to urge the great necessity of establishing Sabbath Schools in their respective churches.

Resolved, That we recommend to the churches composing this Association to raise a separate fund from that of the Association, as a Home Missionary and Benevolent Fund.

Resolved, That we, as a body, approve of Brother James A. Jenkin's statement, as Treasurer, and that we disapprove of all censure alleged against him as a Christian and gentleman.

Resolved, That after paying the expenses of the Association, printing minutes, etc., the Treasurer be instructed to pay out of funds remaining in his hands the sum of $68 70 to Brother W. F. Cain, in trust for the Orphan's Home and School at Lauderdale Springs, in accordance with a resolution of the Association in 1865.

Resolved, That a committee of three, in connection with the Treasurer of this Association, be requested to prepare a statement of its financial condition and proceedings for the years 1865 and 1866 for publication in THE BAPTIST, published at Memphis, Tennessee, by Elder J. R. Graves.

Elders Shirk, Otken and Jackson appointed said committee.

Resolved, That this Association regard the papers known as *Christian Watchman*, published by Whitfield & Ward, Jackson, Mississippi, and THE BAPTIST, published by Elder J. R. Graves at Memphis, Tennessee, as faithful exponents of Baptist doctrines and principles, and hereby cheerfully recommend them to the patronage of our brethren.

Resolved, That we recommend to the members of this Association to pay at least one dollar per member for the purpose of raising a missionary fund and that this amount be paid quarterly.

Resolved, That a missionary board of five be appointed to receive this money, and to employ a missionary or missionaries to occupy the destitute field.

M. S. Shirk, W. L. Johns, W. F. Cain, D. B. Cain and S. Jackson appointed Missionary Board.

On motion, Brother W. F. Cain was requested to have the minutes of this Association from 1847 up to date printed and bound in book form. Adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren, friends and citizens of Zion Hill and vicinity for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained the delegates of this Association during the present session.

On motion, the Clerk was instructed to have nine hundred copies of the minutes printed and distributed, and that he receive the usual compensation for his services. Read, received and adopted.

On motion, the Association went into an election for a minister to preach the Introductory Sermon at the next meeting of this body, which resulted in the election of Elder S. Buffkin and Elder Z. Reeves as his alternate.

On motion, the Association went into an election as to the place of holding the next meeting of this body, which resulted in the choice of Mt. Pleasant Church, Pike county, situated eight miles north of Summit.

On motion, the Association adjourned to meet with the Mt. Pleasant Church, on Saturday before the second Lord's day in October, 1868.

Z. REEVES, *Moderator.*

A. J. EVERETT, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

(A.)

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

We the undersigned committee on finance would respectfully report the following amount received from the churches:

New Providence,	$ 8 75	Ebenezer,	$11 70
East Fork,	7 00	Zion Hill,	8 00
Galilee,	15 00	Mars Hill,	5 00
Hopewell,	5 00	Ramah,	3 00
Mt. Pleasant	6 50	Liberty,	10 00
Mt. Zion, Franklin,	12 00	Bogue Chitto,	9 00
Friendship,	5 00	Sarepta,	5 00
Macedonia,	5 00	Shady Grove,	5 00
Union,	10 00	Damascus,	5 00
Summit,	7 00	Mt. Vernon,	7 00
Mt. Zion, Copiah,	10 00	Holmesville,	2 50
Percy's Creek,	2 00	Friendship, Franklin,	5 00

Total amount received from the churches - - $169 45

Received from Union Church, Franklin county, for Home Missions, within the bounds of this Association, - - 8 50

$177 95

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. B. CAIN,
J. WALKER.
MOSES JACKSON.

(B.)

TREASURER'S REPORT.

JAMES A. JENKINS, TREASURER,

In account with Mississippi Baptist Association:

Balance on hand as per last report,		$113 20
Received from churches as per appendix A.,		169 45
Total		$282 65
Paid for printing these minutes,	$80 00	
" superintending and distributing the same	20 00	
		100 00
Balance in the hands of Treasurer,		$182 65

JAMES A. JENKINS, *Treasurer.*

(C.)

JAMES B. QUINN, *Treasurer of Missionary and Benevolent Fund, In account with Mississippi Baptist Association:*

To balance on hand as per last report,	$ 8 27
Amount received for Foreign and African missions,	17 10
Total,	$25 37

JAMES B. QUINN.

(D.)

REPORT ON DESTITUTION.

Your committee appointed to report on the destitution within the bounds of this Association beg leave to report, that several churches are without any preaching and have no prospect, at this time, of obtaining ministers to supply their wants in this respect. These are Percy's Creek, Woodville, Fort Adams, Spring Hill, Cold Springs, Shiloah, New Hope and Pioneer, all coming to desolation simply for the want of a pastor. Some of these are earnestly asking for aid to build up again the walls of Zion, which have been thrown down by the effects of the war. For this reason other denominations are occupying the field where once existed flourishing Baptist Churches. Among the blacks there seems to be a greater destitution than among the whites, for they are, in many sections of our territory, preaching, baptizing and marrying without any authority from a Church of Christ; and in their ignorance of the teachings of the Bible are endeavoring to impose upon their fellows supposed revelations from God. The darkness which prevails among these people is truly deplorable; and your committee, in view of these things, would earnestly recommend that a missionary or missionaries be sent to occupy these destitute regions and be sustained while engaged in building up the waste places and organizing churches, and that they be instructed to encourage those wishing and are competent to preach and to have them set apart to the full work of the ministry.

Respectfully submitted,

S. BUFFKIN, *Chairman.*

(E.)

REPORT ON ABSTRACTS.

Your committee on abstracts would respectfully submit the following report:

RAMAH—Reports no special revival nor regular preaching during the year. Desires the prayers of the Association. Has no pastor.

MT. ZION CHURCH, Copiah County—Writes we have had regular preaching through the year by our beloved Brother Hutson. We are all at peace with one another and enjoying a good degree of religious feeling. Brethren pray for us that the Lord may continue to bless us.

SHADY GROVE—Reports peace and harmony—makes mention of a special revival. Brother W. H. Bailey is pastor.

ZION HILL—Reports some additions. They have been called upon to exercise discipline to preserve the purity of the church. Elder Z. Reeves is pastor.

MARS HILL—Rejoices in being able to say that they have peace and harmony among them—mourns the loss of two valuable sisters. Z. Reeves is pastor.

EAST FORK—Reports we have been blessed with some additions to our number; that we are at peace one with another, and are happy to say no

difficulty exists, but that feeling which should characterize the followers of Christ. Elder Z. Reeves is pastor.

Bogue Chitto—Reports the church in a prosperous condition—God has blessed their labors in the saving of many souls. Forty-six have been baptized—are encouraged to go on in the Master's work. B. A. Crawford is pastor.

Mt. Pleasant—Reports, we are not only at peace, but in a prosperous state. Brother J. B. Lewis is pastor.

Liberty Church—Acknowledges God's goodness in providing for their temporal wants, but complains of spiritual coldness—has a Sabbath School; preaching twice per month to the whites and once to the colored people. C. H. Otken is pastor.

Galilee—Reports a special revival—fifty-six were baptized. Elder S. Buffkin is pastor.

Friendship, Pike County—Writes we are in a growing state, although we have no regular preaching, except on the fifth Sabbath, by Elder Z. Reeves.

Holmesville Church—Reports no regular preaching since October 1865. Is in a lukewarm condition. Expects the labors of Joseph Pounds.

Ebenezer—We had regular preaching by Elder E. H. Hamlin during the early part of the year, and since by Elder P. Turner. We have a monthly prayer meeting.

Friendship, Franklin County—Acknowledges God's providential protection over them—have nothing of importance to communicate; say they are at peace among themselves; enjoys the labors of Elder T. J. Hutson as pastor.

Mt. Vernon—Reports peace with each other and is in a prosperous condition—has reason to thank God for his mercies. We are blessed with the labors of W. H. Bailey as pastor. Baptised nineteen.

Mt. Zion—Reports no revival nor any prospect at present. Elder Z. Reeves is pastor.

Macedonia—Acknowledges God's providential goodness—no revival—we are at peace with each other. G. H. Barrett is pastor.

Sarepta—Reports a special revival. We are at peace with each other; have a prayer meeting every Sabbath evening. Brother Charles M. Gordon is pastor.

Hopewell—Reports a revival, peace and brotherly love. Elder S. Buffkin is pastor.

Summit—Complains of previous coldness, but have had a recent revival; there were few accessions. Brother Elias George is pastor.

Damascus—Reports no special revival—are at peace and harmony among themselves, and are blessed with the labors of Brother E. Young.

Union—Reports peace and progress in spiritual things. Brother S. Buffkin is pastor, and is indefinitely called; has a Bible class organized; has a prayer meeting. Considerable interest is manifested among the colored people.

(F.)

LETTER OF CORRESPONDENCE.

The Mississippi Baptist Association to corresponding sister Associations sends greeting:

Dear Brethren—Our Association has been in session this year with Zion Hill Church. Our churches have been generally represented. Many of them report pleasant revivals; others however indicate religious declension and apathy to the cause of Christ. Some six or eight churches failed to send up delegates; we much regret this. Most of our corresponding As-

sociations were represented by their messengers. Our Association manifested some interest in the Orphan's Home and School at Lauderdale, the cause of missions, and other subjects of interest to our beloved denomination. Our services were delightful and our councils harmonious. We desire to keep up our correspondence, and send you this by our messengers who bear it. May your councils be characterized by unanimity of sentiment, wisdom and brotherly love. Our Association meets next year with the Mt. Pleasant Church, Pike county, eight miles north of Summit.

Yours in Christ,

C. H. Otken, *Chairman.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	COUNTY.	POSTOFFICE.	Baptized.	Received by letter	Excluded.	Restored.	Dead.	Dismis'd by letter	Whites.	Blacks.	Total number.	Ministers.	Minutes.	Contributions.	Days of Meeting.	Home Missions.
New Providence	G. T. Lumpkin, J. D. McLain	Amite	Liberty	3	...	2	...	1	6	72	29	101	...	40	$ 8 70	4	.....
Ebenezer	H. W. Shaw, W. L. Johns	"	"	15	2	2	...	1	1	73	74	147	...	60	11 70	3	.....
East Fork	Z. Reeves, G. P. Gardner, A. J. Everett	"	"	1	20	2	...	3	7	122	34	156	1	75	7 00	2	.....
Zion Hill	M. Jones, Wm. Jones, S. O'Neal	"	Zion Hill	5	2	6	1	2	5	110	40	150	...	40	8 00	1	.....
Galilee	S. J. Yan Norman, G. G. Longmire, S Jackson*	"	Centreville	56	1	5	5	2	5	103	57	161	...	50	15 00	1	.....
Hopewell	T. J. Schott,* J. F. Webb*	Franklin	Meadville	4	9	...	1	...	...	61	17	78	1	20	5 00	2	.....
Mar's Hill	J. A. Jenkins, Gillis,*	Amite	Smithdale	...	3	3	...	2	8	84	8	92	...	40	5 00	3	.....
Friendship	No delegate	Pike	Summit	2	5	...	...	...	1	40	4	44	...	30	5 40	5	.....
Ramah	Frank E. Nettles	Franklin	Bogue Chitto	...	2	...	...	...	...	25	3	28	...	...	.....	...	.....
Mt. Pleasant	Wm. Harkless	Pike	"	11	5	2	1	2	10	78	7	85	1	40	6 50	4	.....
Liberty	M. S. Shirk, C. H. Otken, G. F. Webb, D. A. Fasset	Amite	Liberty	40	1	3	...	2	7	117	91	208	3	30	10 00	13	.....
Mt. Zion	C. Young, M. McGehee, D. B. Cain, H. Cain	Franklin	Meadville	2	4	4	...	1	...	.....	.....	203	...	50	12 00	4	.....
Friendship	J. E. Byrd	"	Brookhaven	5	3	4	...	2	3	51	9	60	...	2	5 00	2	.....
Spring Hill	Not represented			...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....
Bogue Chitto	J. Walker, M. J. Coney			...	...	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	...	.....
Sarepta	Thomas Cato	Pike	Holmesville	46	6	3	1	3	5	142	29	171	...	60	9 00	1	.....
Macedonia	R. G. Strickland	Franklin	Meadville	5	6	2	2	...	...	53	5	55	...	20	5 00	...	.....
Shady Grove	H. Meke, N. Williams	Copiah	Brookhaven	5	4	1	2	...	5	64	7	71	1	25	5 00	1	.....
Union	S. Buffkin	Pike	Summit	49	1	1	2	...	6	93	12	105	...	25	5 00	1	.....
Damascus	A. Arnold, H. Smith	Franklin	Meadville	14	12	...	2	4	5	83	56	139	1	25	5 00	3	.....
Summit	J. H. McGehee, E. Cain	.....	McCall's Creek	2	...	1	2	...	3	40	1	47	...	30	10 00	4	8 50
Mt. Vernon	S. Prestige, W. Turner	.....	Summit	4	11	1	...	...	25	.....	.....	72	...	15	5 00	4	.....
Mt. Zion	H. A. Davis	.....	Bogue Chitto	19	1	2	1	1	2	70	1	71	...	40	7 00	1	.....
Holmesville	D. C. Walker	Copiah	Brookhaven	5	4	3	2	1	25	118	4	122	1	50	7 00	1	.....
Percy's Creek	S. E. McDonald	.....	Holmesville	...	...	...	...	...	4	18	11	29	...	40	10 00	4	.....
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Introductory sermon preached by Elder Z. Reeves, from John x. 16.

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Prayer by Elder Goss.

Elders C. H. Atken and S. Buffkin appointed as reading clerks.

Brethren W. F. Cain, J. Ford and J. B. Quin appointed as a Committee on Finance.

Letters from the churches called for and read, and their statistics minuted.

The following queries were presented from New Providence Church:

1st. If a charge is preferred against a brother, he pleads guilty to the charge before the church, asks forgiveness, promising repentance, and asks the church to erase the charge from the church book, is it according to Gospel order to do so?

2d. If a brother is guilty of the same offense charged in the first query, comes forward, pleads guilty, makes a confession to the church, asks forgiveness, promising repentance, and asks the church not to enter it upon the church book, is it according to Gospel order to do so?

The following query was presented from Zion Hill Church:

Is it consistent with Baptist usage for a sister church of the same faith and order to receive and rebaptize an excommunicated person?

Brother J. Ford appeared as a delegate from Hopewell Church. The church letter having been mislaid, on motion he was received

as a delegate from that church, and that he forward the letter to the clerk.

On motion, the Association proceeded to the election of officers, which resulted in the unanimous election of Elder Z. Reeves, Moderator, and A. J. Everett, Clerk; Elder C. H. Atken and Brother J. Walker acting as tellers.

Ministering brethren of our faith and order and not members of the Association, were invited to seats with us and a participation in the deliberations of this body.

On motion, newly constituted churches were called for, when Tangipaho Church petitioned through her delegates for membership into this body, and on motion was received and the right hand of fellowship extended to her delegates by the Moderator.

Corresponding letters called for and read as follows:

From Pearl River Association a letter and package of minutes by the hands of her messengers, Elders J. B. Lewis and W. H. Bailey.

From Union Association a letter of correspondence by the hands of her messengers, Elder J. Newman and Brother S. Tillman.

Eastern Louisiana sends a letter and package of minutes, but no messenger.

Brethren James B. Quin, W. F. Cain and J. E. J. Hart were appointed a committee on preaching.

Elders Atken and Buffkin appointed as a committee of correspondence to sister associations.

Report of Committee on Preaching as follows:

Elders Buffkin, Goss and Atken to preach on the Sabbath in the order of their names.

Elder Goss and Brethren O'Neal and Webb appointed as a committee on abstracts.

Brethren Jenkins, Coney and Thompson appointed as a committee on the order of business.

Elder S. Buffkin and Brother W. F. Cain appointed as a committee on obituaries. On motion the Moderator was added to the committee.

Brethren Quin, Cain, Walker, Jenkins and Van Norman were appointed as a committee on queries.

On motion the Association adjourned until Monday morning, at 9 o'clock.

Prayer by Elder J. Newman.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

The brethren appointed preached in the order of their appointment to a large and attentive audience.

MONDAY MORNING, October 12, 1868.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Elder Buffkin.

The Committee on Revision and Arrangement reported as follows, viz :

1. Call the roll.
2. Read the rules of decorum.
3. Call for reports.
4. Call for corresponding letters.
5. Call for queries.
6. Motions and resolutions.
7. Appointments.
8. Adjournment.

J. A. JENKINS, *Chairman.*

Rules of decorum and powers of the Association read by the Clerk.

Brother S. Prestridge came forward, and on motion was received as a delegate from Mount Vernon Church.

Report of Committee on Finance read, received and adopted. See Appendix A.

Report of Treasurer read, received and adopted. Appendix B.

Report of Missionary and Benevolent Fund read, received and adopted. Appendix C.

Report of Executive Committee read, received and adopted. Appendix E.

Report of Committee on Abstracts read, received and adopted. Appendix F.

Report of Committee of Correspondence read, received and adopted. Appendix G.

Report of Committee on Sabbath Schools read, received and adopted. Appendix H.

Report of Committee on Queries read, received and adopted. Appendix I.

On motion the Committee on Obituaries were granted time until the next meeting of this body to report.

Whereas, there is considerable destitution in the bounds of our Association, and whereas we deem it expedient to do what we can to occupy the field, and whereas after defraying the expenses of the Association there will be a balance in the hands of your Treasurer; therefore be it

Resolved, That the delegates of this Association, on their return home, request their respective churches to turn over by an act of their own the funds sent up for associational purposes into the hands of the Executive Committee, to be used for missionary purposes.

Read, received and adopted.

On motion, Elder J. B. Lewis, messenger from Pearl River Association, was excused from further attendance on this Association.

On motion an executive committee of five be appointed to procure the services of a missionary to preach in the destitute portions of this Association. Brethren W. F. Cain, J. B. Quin, J. A. Jenkins, S. Jackson and E. A. Haygood appointed on said committee.

Resolved, That this Association request and recommend the churches composing this Association to use more brevity in their associational letters.

Read, received and adopted.

Resolved, That this Association recommend to the churches to organize Sabbath schools, prayer meetings and singing societies in the bounds of this Association.

Read, received and adopted.

Whereas, There is an alarming destitution in the number of our ministers in our Association, and those in the ministry receive not an adequate support, and no effort is made for the bringing out of ministerial talent in the churches; therefore,

Resolved, That we earnestly counsel our churches to encourage any young brother who has talents and believes he is called to the work of the Gospel ministry.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that every member of the church is under obligations by the Gospel to support the ministry as God has blessed him.

Read, received and adopted.

Resolved, That we appoint July 4th, 1869, as a day of fasting and prayer to the Lord of the harvest to send forth laborers into the field.

Read, received and adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the brethren and citizens for their hospitality during the session of this body.

Read, received and adopted.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be tendered the Moderator and Clerk for the efficient discharge of their duties.

Read, received and adopted.

Resolved, That the Clerk have one thousand copies of the minutes of this Association printed and distributed, and that he receive ($20) twenty dollars for the same.

Read, received and adopted.

On motion a committee of three, consisting of Elder C. H. Atken, Brethren E. A. Haygood and W. F. Cain, were appointed to visit St. Helena, Shiloh and Fort Adams churches, to inquire into their condition, and report at the next meeting of this body.

Elder Z. Reeves and Brethren W. F. Cain and S. Bullock appointed as messengers to Pearl River Association.

Elders S. Buffkin, T. J. Hutson and Brother J. Ford to Union Association, and on motion the Moderator was added.

Elder C. H. Atken and Brethren E. A. Haygood and H. C. Perkins to Mississippi River Association.

On motion the Association went into election of a minister to preach the introductory sermon at the next meeting of this body, which resulted in the choice of Elder S. Buffkin, and C. H. Atken as his alternate.

On motion, the Association then went into an election as to the place of holding the next meeting of this body, which resulted in the choice of Ebenezer Church, situated eleven miles southwest of Liberty.

On motion the Association adjourned to meet with the Ebenezer Church on Saturday, before the second Lord's day in October, 1869.

Prayer by Elder C. H. Atken.

Z. REEVES, *Moderator.*
A. J. EVERETT, *Clerk.*

APPENDIX.

A.

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to submit the following report of money received for associational purposes and paid over to the Treasurer:

New Providence, $8; Ebenezer, $8; Galilee, $5; Hopewell, $5; Friendship, $3; Mount Pleasant, $4; Mount Zion, Franklin, $6; Springhill, $6; Sarepta, $4; Mount Zion, Copiah, $8; Damascus, $3; Summit, $3 50; East Fork, $4; Zion Hill, $5; Marshall, $3; Liberty, $5; Friendship, Franklin, $5; Boguechitto, $5; Shady Grove, $3; Union, $5; Mount Vernon, $5; Tangipaho, $2. Amounting to $99 50. Also, for Home Missions: Galilee, $10; Union, $8; Brother Ira Austin, $1; Sarepta, $2; making $21.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. F. CAIN, *Chairman.*

B.

JAMES A. JENKINS, *Treasurer,*

In account with the Mississippi Baptist Association:

To balance on hand as per last report		$182 65
Your Treasurer prays advances for the following disbursements:		
Paid W. F. Cain, Trustee of the Orphans' Home and School	$68 70	
" Elder Z. Reeves, as Messenger, five days, at two dollars per day	10 00	
" James A. Jenkins, as Messenger, five days, at two dollars per day	10 00	
" A. J. Everett, freight on minutes to Summit	2 00	
Total		$90 70
On hand for disbursement		$91 95
Received from the churches, as per Appendix A		99 50
Paid for printing these minutes	$70 00	
" superintending and distributing same	20 00	–90 00
Balance in hands of Treasurer		$101 45

JAMES A. JENKINS. *Treasurer.*

C.

Your Treasurer of Missionary and Benevolent Fund, in accordance with your instructions at your last meeting, have paid the amount in his hands to Brother W. F. Cain, Trustee of the Orphans' Home and School, as per his receipt, to the amount of $25 30, it being the balance due said fund in my hands, October 12, 1868.

JAMES B. QUIN,
Treasurer of Missionary and Benevolent Fund.

E.

Your Executive Committee, appointed at your last meeting to employ a missionary to preach in the destitute portion of this association, beg leave to report that, owing to the scarcity of money and the general depression of the country, your committee thought it advisable not to employ a missionary for the year.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

W. F. CAIN, *Chairman.*

F.

Your Committee on Abstracts would respectfully submit the following report:

New Providence—Reports peace and harmony, but the church in a cold condition. Elder S. S. Relyea, Pastor.

East Fork—Reports peace and fellowship uninterrupted through the year. Elder Z. Reeves, Pastor.

Galilee—Reports prosperity, peace, good will and Christian fellowship abound in their midst; have a Sabbath School, but not large; baptized thirty-six. Elder S. Buffkin is Pastor.

Mount Pleasant—Reports that peace abounds, but that they are in a state of lethargy. J. B. Lewis, Pastor.

Mount Zion, Franklin—Reports the church in a healthy condition; no special revival; the membership zealous and regular in attendance. Elder Z. Reeves, Pastor.

Friendship, Franklin—Reports little interest manifested; all in peace. T. J. Hutson, Pastor.

Union—Reports that at this time peace and harmony reign, but

they have been compelled to exercise church discipline; twelve additions to the church by experience; we believe much good has been done in the cause of the great Redeemer. Elder Buffkin, Pastor.

Summit—Makes no report of the condition of the church.

Mount Zion, Copiah—Reports some grievances and a cold state of feeling in consequence thereof. Elder T. J. Hutson, Pastor.

Ebenezer—Reports weekly prayer meetings and a Sabbath School, which are well attended and considerable interest manifested. Elder S. S. Relyea, Pastor.

Zion Hill—Reports all in peace; also, have a regular prayer meeting, one Sabbath in each month; we regret the loss of our beloved and aged brother, Aaron Butler. Elder Z. Reeves, Pastor.

Marshall is enjoying a good state of religious feeling, but have had but few accessions; have peace and brotherly love existing. Z. Reeves is Pastor.

Liberty—Reports the church in a deplorable condition; piety fearfully on the decline; no attendance on part of the members, save a very few. Elder S. S. Relyea, Pastor.

Boguechitto—Reports the church in a prosperous state, having had considerable accessions; peace and unity abound. Elder B. A. Crawford is Pastor.

Sarepta—Reports the condition of the church lamentable; cold state of feeling existing. C. M. Gordon, Pastor.

Shady Grove—Reports rather cold, and desires a revival of the Redeemer's work. Reports no pastor.

Damascus—Reports somewhat cold in religious feeling; hoping for a change for the better. E. Young, Pastor.

Mount Vernon—Reports all in peace with each other; no revivals. Elder W. H. Baily, Pastor.

Friendship, Pike—Writes we have reason to be thankful to God, the giver of all good, for his loving kindness; reports moderate increase of membership.

Spring Hill—In a cold and lukewarm condition. Elder S. Buffkin, Pastor.

Tangipaho—Reports peace and harmony, and have a prayer meeting in connection with the church. Elder B. A. Crawford, Pastor.

Hopewell—Reports the church in a healthy condition; members

zealous and attentive in religious services. Elder S. Buffkin, Pastor.

W. H. WEBB, *Chairman.*

G.

Your committee submits the following letter of correspondence: *The Mississippi Baptist Association to corresponding associations sends greeting:*

Dear Brethren—Our association has been in session this year with Mount Pleasant Church. About twenty-two churches were represented by their delegates; ten churches failed to meet us. We received one newly constituted church; some three sister associations were represented by their messengers; others, no doubt, were absent on account of sickness. The accessions to the churches are small this year; harmony prevailed in our counsels; our religious exercises were instructing and profitable; we need more zeal among our church members, more ministers for our destitute fields, and more money to carry on missionary operations; we would urge our sister associations to keep up their correspondence. We send this letter by our messengers, who will represent us in your body. Our association meets next year with Ebenezer Church, Amite county, eleven miles southwest of Liberty.

May the Lord's blessings attend all your efforts to promote his cause.

Fraternally,

CHAS. H. ATKEN, *Chairman.*

H.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools would respectfully submit the following as their report:

This subject has been somewhat agitated in our association, but not to that extent which its importance demands. Our churches do not appreciate its great value; since their organization, in the latter part of the eighteenth century, these schools have proven important auxiliaries to Protestant denominations, as well as ours. Thousands have been added to these denominations from these schools; most assuredly, they have accomplished vast good; we

believe that it is the very nursery of the church, and that it affords a most excellent field for imparting of religious knowledge.

Learning, that there are but three or four Sunday schools connected with this association, we, therefore, most earnestly counsel each church to organize a Sabbath school during this year.

2d. That we ask the churches to report to this association at its next session what they have done.

3d. In case of failure, that the churches report what the facilities are for establishing Sabbath schools, and how many members of the church are willing to pledge themselves to the work, and that we especially urge the pastors and deacons to present this subject to the churches.

Respectfully,

C. F. THOMPSON,
C. H. ATKEN, } *Committee.*

I.

Your Committee on Queries beg leave to submit the following report:

Query 1st. If a charge is preferred against a brother, he pleads guilty to the charge before the church, asks forgiveness, promising repentance, and asks the church to erase the charge from the church book, is it according to gospel order to do so? We, the committee, answer in the negative.

2d. If a brother is guilty of the same offense charged in the 1st query, comes forward, pleads guilty, makes a confession to the church, asks forgiveness, promising repentance, and asks the church not to enter it upon the church book, is it according to Gospel order to do so? We, the committee, answer the second query that where there has been no charge preferred against the offending brother, we would leave that a matter of discretion with the church.

3d. Is it consistent with Baptist usage for a sister church of the same faith and order to receive and rebaptize an excommunicated person. Your committee answer in the negative, so far as we know, to the above query

J. B. QUIN, *Chairman.*

STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	DELEGATES.	COUNTY.	POST OFFICES.	Baptised.	Rec'd by letter.	Excluded.	Restored.	Dead.	Dism'd by letter.	Whites.	Blacks.	Total.	Ministers.	Copies minutes.	Contributions.	Days of meeting.	Home Missions.
New Providence	R. Causey, G. Lumpkin	Amite	Liberty	3	...	...	...	1	...	73	24	97	...	50	8 00	4	...
Ebenezer	E. A. Haygood, W. H. Gunby, H. C. Perkins	"	"	60	1	2	3	2	4	110	98	208	...	80	8 00	3	...
East Fork	Z. Reeves, T. W. Gray	"	"	...	6	2	1	2	16	112	30	142	1	50	4 00	2	...
Zion Hill	S. O'Neal	"	Zion Hill	4	3	2	...	2	3	97	48	145	...	40	5 00	1	...
Galilee	S. T. Van Norman, E. McLane, C. F. Thompson	"		36	1	1	...	2	1	104	90	194	...	40	5 00	2	10
Hopewell	J. Ford			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marshall	J. J. Smart, J. A. Jenkins	Amite		...	3	1	...	1	7	79	7	86	...	40	3 00	3	...
Friendship	J. Moke, — Williams	Pike		..	2	1	...	1	2	46	3	49	...	35	3 00	...	...
Mount Pleasant	R. Albritton, J. E. J. Hart	"		3	4	1	1	...	7	79	6	85	1	40	4 00	4	...
Liberty	C. H. Atken, W. H. Webb			16	1	2	...	...	2	112	107	219	3	25	5 00	3	..
Mount Zion	J. P. Jones, T. Murray	Franklin	Meadville	...	2	2	...	2	...	.....	.....	201	...	50	6 00	4	...
Friendship	B. Smith	"		...	...	8	3	1	4	50	1	51	...	25	5 00	2	...
Mount Zion	H. A. Davis	Copiah		1	2	5	...	3	7	99	4	103	1	30	8 00	4	...
Boguechitto	M. J. Coney, J. Walker, S. Bullock, D. A. Coney	Pike		29	8	2	...	1	4	174	27	201	...	75	5 00	...	...
Sarepta	C. Stewart		Meadville	...	2	2	...	1	4	50	5	55	...	20	4 00	...	...
Shady Grove	H. Moke, T. Busby	Pike	Summit	12	1	2	...	1	6	97	12	109	...	45	3 00	3	...
Union	S. Buffkin	Franklin	Meadville	12	...	8	2	...	3	79	62	141	1	30	5 00	4	8
Damascus	J. F. Martin, J. F. Godbold	"	Brookhaven	1	2	2	...	...	1	47	.....	47	...	20	3 00	4	...
Mount Vernon	S. Prestridge	Lawrence		4	10	1	1	4	3	78	1	79	..	40	5 00	7	...
Summit	J. B. Quin, A. S. Turner		Summit	...	1	...	...	...	8	.....	.....	65	...	30	3 50	...	...
Springhill	A letter		Knoxville	...	...	2	...	1	3	31	13	44	...	10	2 00	1	...

Shiloh, St. Helena, Ramah, Woodville, Macedonia, Bethel, Percy Creek, Fort Adams, Cold Spring, Pioneer, New Hope, not represented.